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For: **Method For Operating Transparent Node For WDM Shared "Virtual Ring" Networks**

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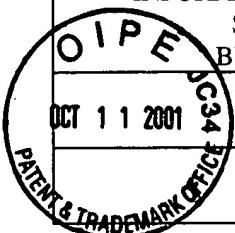
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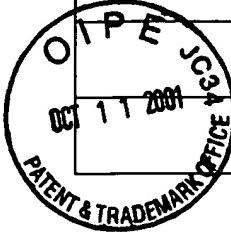
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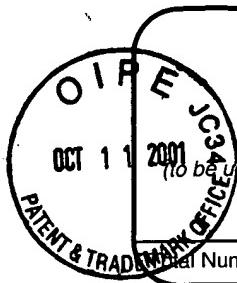
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